

City of Atlanta  
Annexation Service Plan  
Midwest Cascade Area

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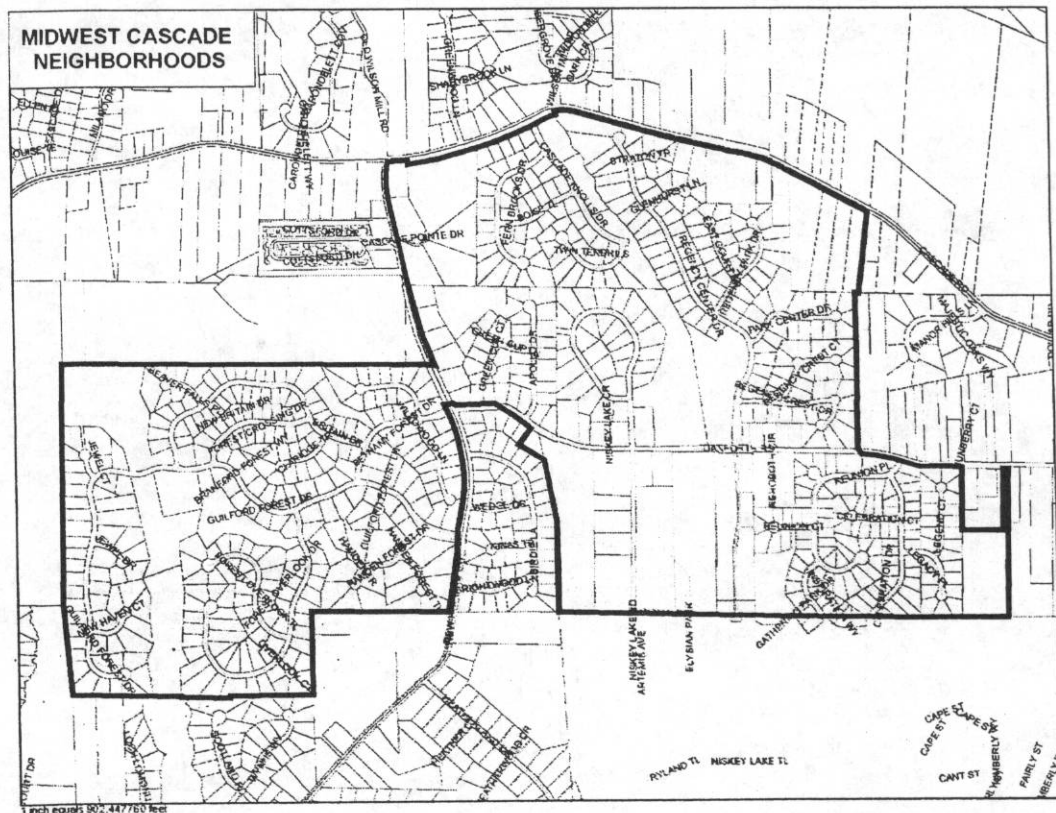
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Residents of the Midwest Cascade have submitted petitions requesting annexation into the City of Atlanta. The City of Atlanta is prepared to provide municipal services to Midwest Cascade residents. The plan for delivering these services is as follows.

### 1. Midwest Cascade Area Overview

The residential area known as **Midwest Cascade** is located off of Danforth Rd. near unincorporated south Fulton County. **Midwest Cascade** is 602.1 acres and includes the streets of Reunion Place, Reunion Court, Regency Park Drive, Regency Center Drive, Niskey Lake Circle, Guilford Forest Drive, Forest Overlook Drive, New Hope Road, as well as others (see Map 1.A.: Midwest Cascade Annexation Area Map). Based on the 2000 Census, **Midwest Cascade** has 662 households and a population of 1,920. The average appraised property value is \$270,000.

**Map 1.A.: Midwest Cascade Annexation Area Map**



## 2. Police/911

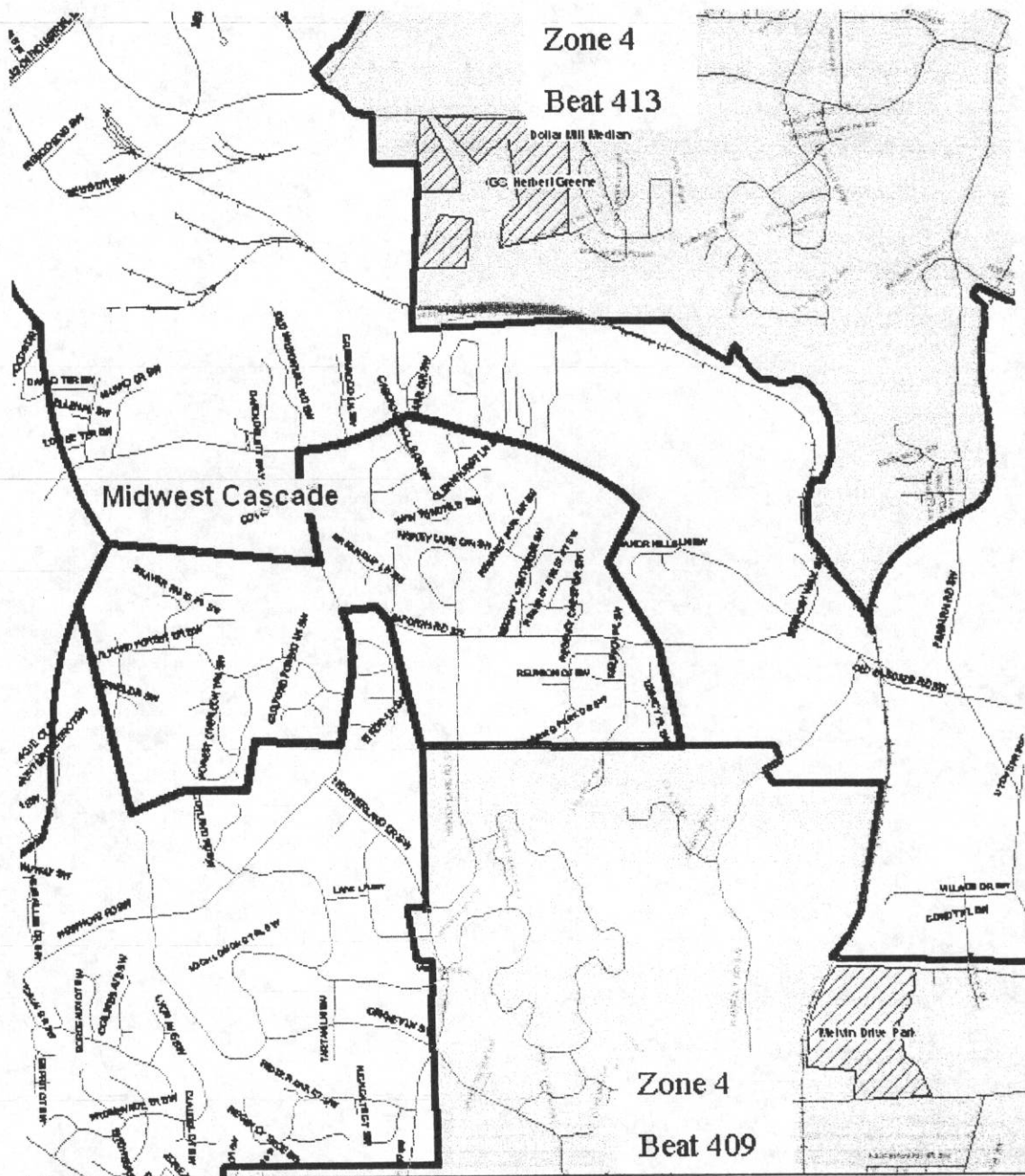
**Midwest Cascade** is a mixed community of low-income, average, and upscale homes. It is 3 miles from the City of Atlanta's Zone 4 Precinct. Cascade Road, Nisky Lake Road, New Hope Road., and I-285 corridors access this area.

The Midwest Cascade area will be absorbed into Zone 4, Beat 409 (see Map 2.A.: Midwest Cascade Police Response Area). Zone 4 will add 3 officers (one per 8-hour shift) to existing resources of 24 hour Beat Officers, Crime Suppression Officers, undercover officers, and detectives to handle any crime problems. In 2005, Zone 4 averaged 4 minutes to respond to priority calls within the City of Atlanta. Zone 4 will serve the **Midwest Cascade** at a service level consistent with the service level within the City of Atlanta.

Zone 4 encompasses 34.13 sq. miles and has a population of 85,288. Zone 4 received 113,331 calls for service in 2005 and their average response time to priority calls was 4 minutes. Zone 4 has 110 officers and 9 detectives.

Additional resources that will be available to Midwest Cascade residents include S.W.A.T., Red Dog, Narcotics, Intelligence, Homicide, Special Victims, Fugitive, Robbery, Auto Theft, Major Fraud, Helicopter, and Tactical Crime Analysis.

Map 2.A.: Midwest Cascade Police Response Area





### 3. Fire/EMS

The Atlanta Fire Rescue Department (AFRD) was the 54<sup>th</sup> fire department in the world to receive Accreditation status by the Commission on Fire Accreditation International. The AFRD consists of 1,081 employees, 980 sworn and 101 civilian personnel. The department operates 35 fire station and three (3) support facilities which cover approximately 132 square miles. We also have five (5) fire stations serving Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport. The AFRD also consists of Inspections, Permits, Building Plans Review, Education, Fire Investigations, Training, and Recruitment sections.

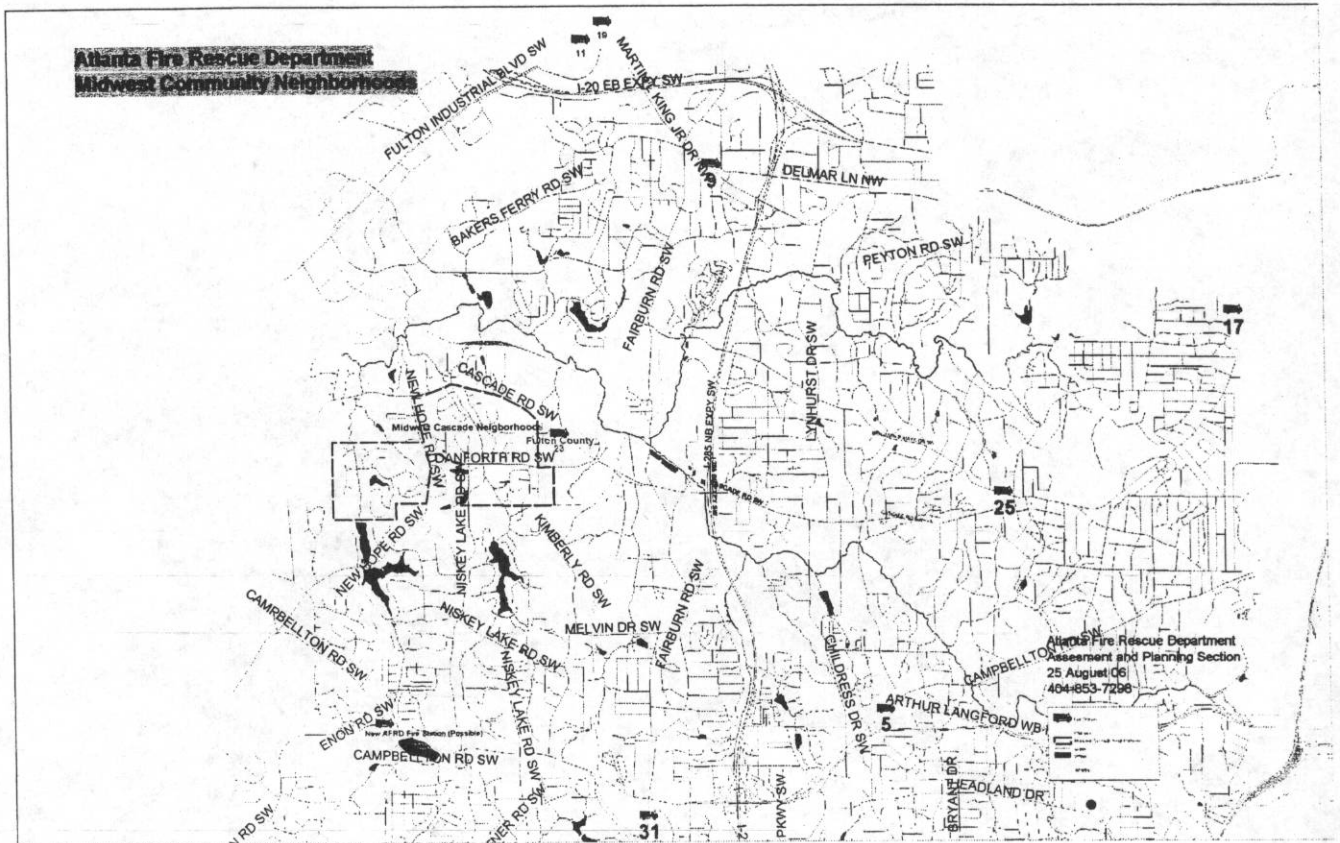
The AFRD is a multifunctional department that prides itself on serving its customers on a daily basis. The AFRD provides fire suppression, emergency medical services, hazardous material mitigation and responses, high-rise and low-angle rope rescue, vehicle and structure extrication, gas leak and carbon monoxide mitigation and responses, down trees and wires, water rescue and removal services, and weapons of mass destruction incidents. The AFRD also provides educational programs and services to citizens, schools, and organizations. The department provides building inspections, fire and liquor permits, and fire/arson investigations.

In addition, the AFRD has a strong tradition and relationships with our communities. The AFRD provides community programs such as, the Car Child Safety Seat Program which provides free car seats and installation to citizens, the Atlanta Smoke Alarm Program which provides free smoke detectors, batteries, and installation to every city resident, the Atlanta Citizen Emergency Response Team which provides preparedness training to citizens and workers within the boundaries of the city. Also, the AFRD provides free Home Safety Inspections, Blood pressure and blood glucose checks.

AFRD will serve the **Midwest Cascade** area at a level consistent with the City of Atlanta service level. The AFRD plans to serve the **Midwest Cascade** area from Fire Station 31 at 2406 Fairburn Road, S.W. Responding to the **Midwest Cascade** area would require station #31 to utilize Fairburn Road to Cascade Road (see Map 3.A.: Fire Response Area). The AFRD will also pursue establishing a temporary fire station as well as a

mutual/automatic aid agreement with Fulton County to enhance service delivery to this area.

**Map 3.A.: Midwest Cascade Fire Response Area**



#### 4. Sanitation

The **Midwest Cascade** area will receive the same high level of sanitation services as all other areas within the City of Atlanta for the following services:

- Weekly curbside solid waste collection from receptacles provided by the City.
- Weekly backyard collection services available to certain disabled individuals
- Weekly curbside recycling collection from receptacles provided by the City
- Bi-weekly yard waste collection
- Bulk waste collection scheduled by request
- Street sweeping
- Dead animal removal
- Illegal sign removal

Similar services will be available to apartments, condominiums, town homes, or any other multi-family dwelling for various fees depending on the type and level of service requested. Curbside collection of recycling is not available to multi-family dwellings.

Garbage and recycling collection will be provided after a transition period of up to one year, during which time residents will conclude any existing contracts for garbage and recycling collection. Following the transition period, garbage and recycling collection services will be made available to **Midwest Cascade** residents upon request and in accordance to the same terms as City of Atlanta residents.

The City of Atlanta will serve the **Midwest Cascade** area from the Lakewood Substation.

## 5. Traffic Operations

The City of Atlanta's Department of Public Work's Traffic and Transportation department will provide traffic operations services to the **Midwest Cascade** area at the same level which it provides within the City of Atlanta, including:

- Replacement of existing street name signs compatible with City of Atlanta standards
- Inspection rights-of-way permit for sites issued by Department of Public Works
- Appropriating funds for street light and traffic signal power payment and routine maintenance

Existing sign fabrication and inspection personnel will be utilized to fabricate signs and inspect the right-of-way.

The sign installation crew that will service the **Midwest Cascade** area is made up of one Traffic Service Technician and one General Trades Worker. Two Construction Inspectors will provide right-of-way inspection services.



## **6. Right-of-Way Maintenance**

The **Midwest Cascade** area has several streets, all of which have been resurfaced recently, and no sidewalks. The Office of Transportation Maintenance Division will provide the **Midwest Cascade** area with all of the services it now provides throughout City with existing personnel and equipment from the North Avenue Maintenance Facility.

The Maintenance Division will provide the following services:

- Street Resurfacing
- Street repairs
- Driveway apron repair (at cost)
- Curb repair (at cost)



The **Midwest Cascade** area is now zoned as R-3, Single Family Dwelling. The **Midwest Cascade** area will create a new Neighborhood Planning Unit (NPU) Q.

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## 8. Water and Sewer

The City of Atlanta's Department of Watershed Management (DWM) currently provides and will continue to provide drinking water services to the **Midwest Cascade** area, either as an annexed area into the City of Atlanta or as an entity outside the City of Atlanta.

Fulton County currently provides sewer services to the **Midwest Cascade** area and will continue to do so following **Midwest Cascade's** annexation into the City of Atlanta or as an entity outside the City of Atlanta.

DWM currently processes **Midwest Cascade** residents' water and sewer bills and will continue to do so.

## 9. Forestry

The City of Atlanta's Office of Parks will provide the **Midwest Cascade** area with the maintenance of existing trees in the public right-of-way and removal of storm-damaged trees from the public right-of-way (not on private property).

The Office of Parks will provide these services with existing Forestry crews, which include 4 crews with 6 staff per crew. Services are 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.